

**Representative Raymond P. Ward** proposes the following substitute bill:

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON GLOBAL WARMING  
AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution relates to global climate change.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ acknowledges that average global temperature and average Utah temperature have increased over recent decades, and that there is some scientific consensus that a cause for these increases may be human-caused emissions; and

▶ states that the Legislature and Governor will continue to base decisions regarding state energy policies on the best scientific evidence available and will continue to urge individuals and corporations to conserve energy.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

WHEREAS, average global temperatures and average Utah temperatures have increased over recent decades;

WHEREAS, there is some scientific consensus that a cause for these temperature



26 increases is human-caused emissions, predominantly carbon dioxide and methane created by  
27 the burning of fossil fuels, vehicle emissions, large buildings, inefficient lighting and heating,  
28 and many other causes;

29 WHEREAS, continued increase in average global temperature may have some serious  
30 and negative consequences;

31 WHEREAS, a continued increase in average Utah temperatures may also have negative  
32 consequences including threats to the skiing industry, reduction in snowpack at lower altitudes,  
33 and increased intensity of wildfires; and

34 WHEREAS, Utah also struggles with the health effects caused by air pollution during  
35 winter inversion seasons, which are in part caused by the burning of fossil fuels, vehicle  
36 emissions, large buildings, inefficient lighting and heating, and many other causes:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
38 Governor concurring therein, continue to base decisions regarding state energy policies on the  
39 best scientific evidence available regarding local and global consequences for energy use.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor continue to seek  
41 energy policies that will protect the health of our state and planet, enlarge the economy of our  
42 state, and keep energy affordable for our citizens.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor continue to  
44 encourage individuals and corporations to conserve energy.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor will continue to work  
46 with the state's federal delegation to seek policies that further these goals.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the state's  
48 federal delegation.